Short-term loans include 'Cast Credit'. 'Overdraft', 'Demand Loans' and 'Packing Credit'. RBI do not segregate interest rate in respect of big companies. However, as furnished by RBI, the details of Weightage Average Interest Rates on Short-term Loans extended by Public Sector Banks (PSBs) to Private Corporate Sector as on March 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006 are as under:

| | Weightage Average Interest Rates on Short-term Loans by PSBs | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Organisation | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
| Private Corporate Sector | 13.17% | 12.75% | 12.29% |
| All Large Borrowal Accounts | 12.48% | 12.17% | 11.83% |

Source: Basic Statistical Return (BSR): 1 Survey of RBI.

(c) Private Corporate Sector includes Public and Private Limited Companies but do not segregate big companies.

**Proposed Indo-Japan treaty on currency swap**

1523. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Japan proposes to enter into an agreement with India for currency swap;

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the benefits that would accrue to India out of this deal;

(c) whether Japan also proposes to fund the Delhi-Mumbai Freight Corridor; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) and (b) Negotiations between India and Japan are going on for putting in place a bilateral currency swap arrangement to take care of short term liquidity needs during a balance of payment crisis. The proposed swap arrangement is essentially a bilateral agreement between India and Japan to exchange a maximum amount US $ 3 billion for respective domestic currency to meet temporary Balance of payment (BOP) problems, by either country, for an initial period of 90 days at a specified interest rate payable on dollar amounts received and thereafter through renewals, upto a maximum period of 630 days.

(c) and (d) The proposal of Ministry of Railways namely "Dedicated Multi-model High Axle Load Freight Corridor with computerized train control system on Delhi-Mumbai and Delhi-Howrah routes" has been posed to Government of Japan seeking Official Development Assistance (ODA). However, the final decision regarding the sources of funding for this project, including Japanese assistance is under consideration of Ministry of Railways.